

**“We have been fortunate with the economic engine that we’ve had in our state. But we need to look to the future. We need to seize opportunities for the right capital construction investments. We need to make sure our state is a leader.”**

About 90 percent of my \$290 million capital budget relies on existing fund sources dedicated to specific purposes such as protection of the environment and natural resources like Puget Sound, local infrastructure improvements that can lead to new economic development, and a new building for biotechnology research at Washington State University.

Just \$30 million, or about 10 percent, of the capital budget is supported by general obligation bonds, which are financed by the state General Fund. Limiting spending saves considerable bonding capacity to meet construction needs not just in this two-year budget period, but in the next biennium as well. Projects supported by bonds primarily go to must-do health and safety projects at institutions responsible for juvenile and adult offenders, developmentally disabled people and children who are blind or deaf.

### My Capital Budget for Construction Is:

#### STRATEGIC

Funds projects that will help fuel Washington’s economic growth, including construction of a building in the Research and Education Complex at Washington State University that will house cutting-edge work in molecular and cellular sciences.

#### RESPONSIBLE

Upgrades juvenile offender facilities needed to ensure suitable program space to treat juvenile offenders with mental health needs. Provides funds to ensure more public water systems supply safe drinking water.

#### ACCOUNTABLE

Targets investments to projects that meet health and safety needs, encourage economic development or improve education. Limits use of general obligation bonds, so the state has considerable bonding capacity through the next three years.

**BY THE NUMBERS** : In four years, Washington has approved 256 construction projects at the state's colleges and universities.

## Governor Gregoire's Supplemental Capital Budget

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<b>Invests in 'must do' repair and replacement projects that cannot wait</b>	<p><b>Renovates juvenile offender facilities.</b> Two more cottages at the Echo Glen Children's Center are upgraded to create program space suitable for juvenile offenders with increasing mental health needs. These cottages are the second phase of replacing the 11 cottages at the children's center. <i>\$5.8 million bonds</i></p> <p><b>Replace failing structures.</b> Provides emergency repairs for the air conditioning system at Central Washington University and a roof at the correctional facility in Walla Walla. <i>\$5.4 million bonds</i></p> <p><b>Replaces wastewater treatment facility at Rainier School.</b> Improves treatment of Rainier School's wastewater to protect the White River and increase treatment capacity at the new wastewater treatment center owned by the city of Buckley. <i>\$3.9 million bonds</i></p> <p><b>Provides new physical education center</b> at the School for the Blind and design for new cafeteria and maintenance support building at School for the Deaf. <i>\$9.1 million bonds</i></p>
<b>Improves economic vitality with new research facility and protects commerce with cleanup of vital ports</b>	<p><b>Sciences Building at WSU.</b> Funds construction of second building in the Research and Education Complex at Washington State University – this one for biological research, including molecular and cellular sciences. Research focuses on development techniques, therapies, devices and research tools. <i>\$63 million alternative financing</i></p> <p><b>Cleans up and prevents toxic chemical pollution.</b> Uses increased petroleum tax revenue in state and local toxic accounts to rid the environment of dangerous toxic chemicals. The revenue buys cleanup of toxics at the Ports of Bellingham and Tacoma. Also provides cleanup of toxic pollution on state-owned aquatic lands and uplands within a half-mile of Puget Sound, and toxic contamination at schools and playgrounds. Provides local grants for household and small business waste collection, recycling and enforcement. <i>\$31 million state and local toxics accounts</i></p>
<b>Protects health of citizens with safe drinking water supplies</b>	<p><b>Provides loans for public water systems.</b> Low-cost loans are made available to public water systems to address critical infrastructure improvements. The highest priority projects in this category will receive the lower-cost financing to complete the needed improvements. <i>\$10.3 million other funds</i></p>
<b>Stimulates local economic development</b>	<p><b>Loans for public works projects.</b> Sixteen local communities get low-interest loans for improvements to road, sewer, water and storm systems. <i>\$55 million other funds</i></p>
<b>Helps homeless veterans</b>	<p><b>Rehabilitates a building at the Washington Veterans Home at Retsil</b> to allow the facility to be used for a new transitional housing program for veterans. <i>\$170,000 bonds, \$320,000 federal funds</i></p>